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*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT FORTHCOMING NOTICES OF AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO SUPPORT EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2014 THROUGH JULY 31, 2019 (ALL SUPERVISORAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Provide authorization to accept and implement forthcoming awards and/or amendments from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support Building and Strengthening Local Health Department Epidemiology, Laboratory, and Health Information Systems Capacity for Infectious Diseases for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2019.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Notice of Award (NA) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to enhance DPH's epidemiology and laboratory capacity (ELC) at an amount estimated not to exceed \$2,475,000 for the anticipated period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept and implement additional NAs from the CDC to support surge capacity in the event of an actual outbreak at amounts to be determined by the CDC but estimated not to exceed \$750,000 annually for effective Influenza Outbreak Responses, \$750,000 annually for effective Non-Influenza Outbreak Responses, and \$750,000 annually to support Cross-Cutting Outbreak Capacity during the anticipated five-year period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2019, subject to review and approval by County Counsel,

and notification to your Board and the CEO.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the NAs referenced above that extend the term through July 31, 2019 at amounts to be determined by the CDC; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the award through July 31, 2020; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each award term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to continue to accept funding from the CDC, financed in part by the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), to protect the public health and safety of Los Angeles County residents by enhancing DPH's capacity to effectively detect, respond, prevent, and control known and emerging/re-emerging infectious diseases. Activities to be funded include: 1) strengthening epidemiological capacity; 2) enhancing laboratory testing ability; 3) improving information systems; and 4) enhancing collaboration among epidemiology, laboratory, and information systems components. DPH will also address capabilities in disease-specific areas, such as foodborne diseases, healthcare-associated infections, and vaccine preventable diseases.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept additional CDC funding to support surge surveillance and diagnostic testing capacities to respond effectively to local or national outbreak emergencies including influenza-related and non-influenza viral respiratory disease outbreaks such as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

Approval of Recommendation 3 will allow DPH to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming NA(s) to extend and/or adjust the term of the awards; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each award term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept awards and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to one year beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow for additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

DPH will accept a forthcoming NA from the CDC to enhance ELC at an amount estimated not to exceed \$2,475,000, for the anticipated period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 as well as funding for four subsequent terms, through July 31, 2019, at amounts to be determined by the CDC. DPH will accept additional NAs to support surge capacity in the event of an actual outbreak at amounts to be determined by the CDC but estimated not to exceed \$750,000 annually for effective

Influenza Outbreak Responses, \$750,000 annually for effective Non-Influenza Outbreak Responses, and \$750,000 annually to support Cross-Cutting Outbreak Capacity during the anticipated five-year period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2019.

Funds will support DPH personnel and operating costs as well as up to six new positions that DPH will request through the budget process to support disease-specific epidemiology, laboratory, and health information system capacities for DPH's Acute Communicable Disease Control Program and Public Health Laboratory such as four Epidemiology Analysts, one Principal IS Analyst, and one Program Specialist, Public Health Nurse.

Upon receipt of the award(s), DPH will request Appropriation Authority in the Supplemental Budget Request for fiscal year (FY) 2014-15. Funding for future FYs will be requested as necessary.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Since 1995, ELC has been funded by the CDC to address emerging infectious disease threats in Los Angeles County. Since 2010, the funding has been financed in part by the PPHF, established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

On March 14, 2014, the CDC released Funding Opportunity Announcement Number CDC-RFA-CK14-1401PPHF14. DPH's application to request funding in seventeen different project areas was submitted by the due date of May 14, 2014. The CDC is expected to issue the ELC NA by August 2014 for the first year of a new five-year project period.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to continue building stronger epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems capacities to protect Los Angeles County residents from emerging infectious diseases.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan E. Fielding".

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